

A Sacred

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King GEORGE.

(1.)
When I survey this mighty Frame,
With all its Orbs around ;
Tho' still in Motion, still the same,
In Space without a bound.
The various Seasons of the Year,
In beauteous Order fall ;
This to our Reason makes appear,
A GOD must govern all.

(2.)
Yet do we find to our Disgrace,
Of Miscreants prophane,
A crooked, perverse, stubborn Race,
Who scoffingly maintain,
Because they prosper in their Lust,
And vertuous Force despise,
That Heaven approves of the Unjust ;
Or there's no GOD on High.

(3.)
Thus haughty Man in Reason low,
Compar'd to the All-wise ;
Presumes he can the Secrets know,
That's hid from human Eyes :
Should shallow Man thy Depths explore,
The God-head were but small,
Thy Sovereign Care need be no more ;
And Man might rule the Ball.

(4.)
But, O ! Thy Providential Spring,
That's past all human Ken,
Which flows to the minutest thing,
That moves as well as Men :
Permitting or Commanding still,
In each Thy Power's express ;
And all Perform their Good or Ill,
That fits thy Glory best.

(5.)
Why then should Tryals of Mankind,
Which Thou dost here bestow,
Exalt a sublunary Mind,
Or yet depress it low ?
The Wicked thou permittest to Reign,
And Bloom but for a while ;
The Righteous only drag their Chain,
Till Heaven think fit to smile.

(6.)
O ! Sacred & Divine, not thy Lot,
In seeming severity,
To make the suspect thy Cause forgot,
Thy Crosses nobly bear :
He who thy Heart has in his Hand,
Trust thou His Holy Skill ;
Has too the Peoples at Command,
And turns them at His Will.

(7.)
But thou who sits upon the Throne
Of STUART's Antient Race,
Abandoning thy Rightful own,
To fill another's Place.
A Crown's but a precarious Thing,
Thy Fate thou dost not see ;
They who betray'd their natural King,
Will ne'er be true to thee.

(8.)
O ! great Eternal Source of Love,
Extend Thy Gracious Hand ;
And hasten Justice from above,
To this unhappy Land :
O may our panting Hearts have Peace,
And Innocence restore ;
Then shall our Senates act with Grace,
Offending Thee no more.